



SWODS News

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Next SWODS Meeting - October 28, 2PM

The fall meeting has been changed from October 21 to October 28. The meeting will begin at 2PM at the home of Bill Lee and Hurst Sloniker. We'll discuss growing bulbs in containers, both daffodils and other kinds of bulbs. We'll discuss using some of the treasury to buy bulbs for members and how volunteering for SWODS projects and activities can earn extra bulbs, based on the appreciation program of the Indiana Daffodil Society. Convention details have been firmed up and will be presented. Bring a few bulbs for the bulb exchange, as well as your favorite covered dish, appetizer, or dessert for the pot-luck supper.

How to get there:

- Take I-275 East, then Exit

63B--Route 32 East Batavia (note that Exit 63A goes the wrong direction on Route 32).

- Get in the center lane and turn left at the first traffic light onto Glen Este-Withamsville Road.
- Then go through one traffic light and turn right at the next traffic light onto Old State Route 74.
- At the next traffic light, turn left onto Tealtown Road.
- Pass one house on your left and then turn left onto Glen Este Lane.
- Bear to your right and you will be on Honey Hill Lane, which ends at a gravel lane.
- Take the gravel lane through the woods to the end.
- Phone: 513-752-8104; email: BLEE811@aol.com

Challenge Bulb

The Challenge Bulb this year is 'Phil's Gift' 1Y-Y. We acquired this bulb from John Reed who describes it by saying "When I first started breeding daffodils thousands of "POPS" (Phillips open pollinated seeds) were planted here from the late Phil Phillips of New Zealand. This yellow trumpet was very special

and the only one retained. It has strong tall stems with excellent poise and a flat, very smooth perianth, with petals that almost touch. A beautiful show flower and a good breeder too." It blooms in early midseason.

We are selling two triple-nosed bulbs (or the equivalent) for \$3.00. If you have not already

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Important dates

- Oct 28, 2001-- Fall meeting
- April 18-20, 2002 - ADS National Convention Cincinnati, OH-- Drawbridge Inn

bought this cultivar, please order or reserve it soon. Call Bill Lee at 513-752-8104; or email him at BLEE811@aol.com or send in the

attached **Dues/Bulb Order form** to reserve your Challenge Bulb.

ADS 2002 Cincinnati Convention

"...We'll have the national daffodil show, the first-ever national Ooh & Ahh! Show, and many speakers and informative sessions..."

As you all know by now, SWODS is hosting the American Daffodil Society Convention next year. The convention hotel is the Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

We've planned three banquets, including the final Saturday night banquet in Union Terminal. We'll have the national daffodil show, the first-ever national Ooh & Ahh! Show, and many speakers and informative sessions. Dinner speakers include Janis Ruksans, plant hunter and daffodil hybridizer from Latvia, and Richard Ezell, an ADS past-president and professional (and highly entertaining) storyteller. We'll tour the gardens of Bill Lee and Hurst Sloniker, Mary Lou Gripshover, Linda Wallpe, and Don and Marge Caton, as well as the Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center, and the Cincinnati Nature Center. We'll have demonstrations on "How Men Ar-

range Flowers," talks by Harold Koopowitz, Kathy Andersen, Anne Donnell Smith, Jason Delaney, Keith Kridler, and many others. There will also be many other fun and entertaining features.

Linda Wallpe and Bill Lee have planned the schedule and invited most of the speakers, Ted and Susan Ruoff are working on acquiring items for the boutique, Mary Lou Gripshover is arranging for show judges and photo competitions, Tom Stettner is handling the commercial exhibits, Judy Toman and Betsy Detmer are soliciting items for gift bags, Betty Kealiher is preparing promotional materials for the Midwest region, and Peg Newill is making plans for horticultural artistic designs throughout the convention hotel.

There are many jobs yet to be assigned and we'll need the able assistance of all SWODS members to put on a convention that will be talked about for years.

Library Donations

SWODS has purchased 3-year memberships in the ADS for The Lloyd Library and The Mercantile Library so that the ADS *Daffodil Journal* will be available to patrons of those libraries. We currently also

pay the membership for the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. We believe that having this material available to the public is part of our educational mission.

Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden

SWODS started the Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden at the Cincinnati Civic center last year with the planting of about 200 daffodil cultivars, both donated and purchased. This year we have over 100

cultivars donated already, and more are coming. Jim Hansel, horticulturist at the CGC, would like to see 1000 cultivars planted there by 2005. We're well on our way.

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What SWODS Did All Year

It was a busy year for SWODS and we worked hard to present our society and our favorite plant to the public.

In March we had an exhibit of over 60 cultivars at Plant Society Day at Krohn Conservatory. There were no daffodils in bloom in Cincinnati at that time, so we called on friends Keith Kridler of Texas and Sandra Stewart of Alabama who sent blooming daffodils by overnight Federal Express for the exhibit. Linda Wallpe and Bill Lee staged the flowers and our exhibit had more traffic than any other exhibit. Especially striking were containers of 'Loch Hope' and 'Stylish'; these red-cupped and all orange daffodils acted like magnets to draw people to the exhibit. Rebecca Koesters and Leone Low also generated considerable interest in daffodils with their information table at the Miami Valley Garden Conference in Dayton.

In early April, the SWODS Drawbridge Players performed a 14-minute skit, in full costume, at the Louisville ADS Convention to invite ADS members to our convention next year. Players included Donna Dietsch, Mary Lou Gripshover, Rebecca Koesters, Sally Heckscher,

Betty Kealiher, Liz Ragouzis, Kathy McGowan, George McGowan, Tom Stettner, Bill Lee, Linda Wallpe, and Bill Newill. New member Ross Hunt arranged the sound effects--you should have heard the drawbridge opening!

Later in April, we mounted our annual Daffodil Show at the Zoo. In spite of the 90-degree temperatures in early April, which forced most daffodils in Cincinnati into bloom well before the show dates, we had a very good, medium-sized show. Sadly, on that Saturday evening, we lost one of our founding members and staunch workers, Peggy Macneale, to cancer.

At the end of April, we staged an exhibit of daffodils at the Cincinnati Flower Show. Linda Wallpe, George and Kathy McGowan, Mary Lou Gripshover, and Bill Lee put the exhibit up with the few flowers that were still alive in their gardens, with some additional flowers from Steve Hampson of Canton, Ohio and Mike Berrigan of Minnesota. Harold McConnell drove to Niles, Michigan and returned with a van full of freshly-cut daffodils from John Reed's fields which we used to refresh the display throughout the six

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days of the show. SWODS was awarded the American Horticultural Society Boles Medal as well as the Cincinnati Horticultural Society Gold Medal for Best Single Genus Display. The judging comments showed we scored 97 out of a possible 100 points.

Rebecca Koesters was also the featured speaker with her talk on daffodils at Cox Arboretum on April 28th.

On Mother's Day we formally dedicated the Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden. SWODS hosted the event with champagne and SWODS members contributed hors d'oeuvres that prompted several guests to ask who the caterer was. Many members from several generations of the Macneale family were present. A video of the event will be shown periodically during the convention next year.

In June, the Wallpes, the Catons, Bill Lee, and Harold McConnell, along with the Columbus SWODS members, Donna Dietsch

and Betty Kealiher, spent the weekend in South Bend, Indiana, partying at night and digging daffodils in John Reed's daffodil fields for the annual sales. The bagging parties in August in Dayton and Cincinnati efficiently got all the bulbs ready for the sales. In Dayton Rebecca Koesters, Margaret Baird, Harold McConnell, Peg and Bill Newill, and Leone Low assisted with the bagging and/or cleaning. In Cincinnati the cleaning and/or bagging group was Bill Lee, Hurst Sloniker, Linda Wallpe, Kathy and George McGowan, Betsy Detmer, and Judy Toman.

September was sales month.

There was a September 8th sale in Dayton at The Cannery, but the Cincinnati Fall Flower Show was cancelled because of the dire events on September 11th. Bulbs were sold instead at the Cincinnati Zoo on the weekends of September 29th and October 7th.

In October Leone Low and Rebecca Koesters hope to plant several varieties of daffodils at the James Ranch in Xenia. This is part of the Greene County Master Gardener program.

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Resources

Cincinnati (Area Code-513)

Bill Lee	752-8104
Mary Lou Gripshover	248-9137
Linda Wallpe	221-4140
Liz Ragouzis	221-1166

Dayton (Area Code-937)

Peg Newill	885-2971
Rebecca Koesters	426-7332
George McGowan	862-4461

Dues Notice

If the number above your name on the mailing label is not 2001 or higher, your \$5 annual dues are past due. If that number is preceded by a "P", you are a prospective member and we would love to have you join our society and come to our meetings. We always have a lot of fun, great food, and even learn some things in the process. It's fun to be part of a plant society whose members actually enjoy each others' company. Besides, who can pass up free bulbs at the fall meeting's bulb exchange?

Make checks payable to SWODS and mail to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220

Dues/Bulb Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E mail _____

_____ Dues @ \$5/year..... _____

Number Challenge Bulb Packs _____ @ \$3/pack _____

Total Enclosed _____